AMENDED CLAIM SET

The claims have been amended as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A folding pinnacle pivoting ~~bending~~ device for a mobile crane, comprising:

a joint that pivotally connects an end of a folding pinnacle to an end of a boom of the mobile crane, the joint being provided where a tensile load is applied between the folding pinnacle and the boom; and

a mechanically adjustable telescoping means that can be adjusted to a plurality of lengths for adjusting an angle of the folding pinnacle with respect to the boom, the mechanically adjustable telescoping means being provided between the end of the folding pinnacle and the end of the boom where a pressure load is applied between the folding pinnacle and the boom, the mechanically adjustable telescoping means being adapted to limit a length thereof to an adjusted length when the pressure load is being applied between the folding pinnacle and the boom and to allow the length thereof to extend freely when no pressure load is being applied~~a joint area which is bent in order to adjust the angle of said folding pinnacle and which comprises a joint in its upper or tensile load area, characterised in that said joint area comprises a mechanically fixable telescoping means in its lower or pressure load area~~.

2. (Currently Amended) The folding pinnacle pivoting ~~bending~~ device as set forth in claim 1, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ said telescoping means comprises a telescopic pipe.

3. (Currently Amended) The folding pinnacle pivoting ~~bending~~ device as set forth in claim 2, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the ~~telescoping means or~~ telescopic pipe comprises support elements for mechanically altering a length of the telescopic pipe~~, by means of which it can be mechanically fixed at different lengths~~.

4. (Currently Amended) The folding pinnacle pivoting ~~bending~~ device as set forth in claim 2 or 3~~claims 1 to 3~~,

wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the ~~telescoping means or~~ telescopic pipe comprises a holding element and an extending element, and

wherein said holding element is fastened by a first joint to an end ~~the side~~ of the boom ~~joint area~~ facing a ~~the~~ base of the folding pinnacle, and ~~wherein~~ said extending element is fastened by a second joint to an end ~~the side~~ of ~~the joint area facing the tip of~~ the folding pinnacle.

5. (Currently Amended) The folding pinnacle pivoting ~~bending~~ device as set forth in claim 4, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ said support elements ~~for the extending element~~ are arranged on the holding element.

6. (Currently Amended) The folding pinnacle pivoting ~~bending~~ device as set forth in claim 4, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the first joint ~~fastening of the holding element to the side of the joint area facing the base of the folding pinnacle~~ forms one of the support devices.

7. (Currently Amended) The folding pinnacle pivoting ~~bending~~ device as set forth in any one of claims 1, 2, and ~~to~~ 3,

wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the telescoping means comprises a round or cornered base pipe and an extending piston, and

wherein the base pipe comprises transverse bores for receiving a support bolt ~~bolts~~ which supports ~~support~~ said piston at its lower end.

8. (Currently Amended) The folding pinnacle pivoting ~~bending~~ device as set forth in any one of claim 2 or ~~claims 1 to~~ 3, wherein the telescopic pipe ~~characterised in that the telescoping means~~ comprises a round or cornered base pipe and an extending piston, wherein said base pipe comprises lateral inserts for guiding said extending piston.

9. (Currently Amended) The folding pinnacle pivoting ~~bending~~ device as set forth in claim 8, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ said lateral inserts form hubs for the transverse bores.

10. (Currently Amended) The folding pinnacle pivoting ~~bending~~ device as set forth in claim 1, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the telescoping means comprises a securing device which prevents its telescopic components from detaching from each other~~, in particular a distancing sleeve between the lower, supporting end of the extending element and the upper end of the holding element~~.

11. (Currently Amended) The folding pinnacle pivoting ~~bending~~ device as set forth in claim 4, wherein a piston base is attached to a ~~characterised in that the~~ lower, supporting end of the extending element ~~formed as a pipe is fixedly connected to the piston base~~.

12. (Currently Amended) The folding pinnacle pivoting ~~bending~~ device as set forth in claim 11~~7~~, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the piston base has a groove that receives ~~is arranged on the piston base and together with~~ the support element to centre the extending element with respect to the holding element~~forms a centring in one axis for the position of the piston~~.

13. (Currently Amended) The folding pinnacle pivoting ~~bending~~ device as set forth in claim 1, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the telescoping means ~~or telescopic pipe~~ comprises a support element for ~~support elements, by means of which it can be~~ mechanically fixing the length of the telescoping means ~~fixed~~ at different lengths.

14. (New) The folding pinnacle pivoting device as set forth in claim 1,

wherein the telescoping means comprises a holding element and an extending element, and

wherein said holding element is fastened by a first joint to an end of the boom facing a base of the folding pinnacle, and said extending element is fastened by a second joint to an end of the folding pinnacle.

15. (New) The folding pinnacle pivoting device as set forth in claim 10, wherein the securing device is a distancing sleeve provided between a lower, supporting end of the extending element and an upper end of the holding element.